

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product in the form of a water continuous emulsion comprising:

an aqueous phase comprising 60-90 % by weight of total product,

an oil phase comprising 1-50% by weight of total product, and

an emulsifier system comprising a surfactant in an amount of 0.2-10% by weight of total product and a co-emulsifier in an amount of 0.2-16% by weight of total product, wherein the co-emulsifier comprises a first component chosen from the group of carboxylic acids, fatty acids and a combination thereof and a second component chosen from the group of multivalent neutralizing agents, multivalent cations, multivalent metal soaps, a multivalent amine and combinations thereof,

wherein the ~~which~~ product has a VOC below 22 wt.%, based on the weight of the product.

2. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, wherein the VOC is below 15 wt.%, ~~preferably below 5 wt.%, and more preferably below 1 wt.%.~~

3. (Previously Presented) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, having a penetration value below 60 units of 0.1 mm.

4. (Original) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 3, having a penetration value between 5 and 40 units of 0.1 mm.

5. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, wherein the ~~aqueous phase constitutes 50-90 wt.% of the product~~ VOC is below 5 wt.%.

6. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, wherein the ~~oil phase constitutes 1-50 wt.% of the product~~ VOC is below 1 wt.%.

7. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe care product according to claim 6, wherein the oil phase constitutes 1-35 wt.% of the product.~~

8. (Previously Presented) Shoe care product according to claim 1, wherein the oil phase, comprises 1-45 wt.% of a wax based on the weight of the product.

9. (Previously Presented) Shoe care product according to claim 8, wherein the wax constitutes 1-25 wt.% based on the weight of the product.

10. (Previously Presented) Shoe care product according to claim 8, wherein the wax is chosen from the group of mineral waxes, paraffins, microcrystalline waxes, plant derived waxes, animal waxes, Fisher Tropisch waxes, polyolefin waxes, synthetic waxes and combinations thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) Shoe care product according to claim 10, wherein the total wax has a congealing point between 30° and 100°C, ~~more preferably between 40° and 90°C and most preferably between 45° and 80°C.~~

12. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein the ~~emulsifier system constitutes 0.2-20 wt.% of the product~~ total wax has a congealing point between 40° and 90°C.

13. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein the ~~emulsifier system comprises a surfactant and a co-emulsifier~~ total wax has a congealing point between 45° and 80°C.

14. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the surfactant is ~~chosen from the group of non-ionic, amphoteric, cationic and anionic surfactants~~ a non-ionic or amphoteric surfactant.

15. (Original) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 14, wherein the surfactant is a neutralized fatty acid.

16. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~co-emulsifier is a mixture of carboxylic acids and/or fatty acids in combination with multivalent neutralizing agents and/or multivalent metal cations and/or multivalent metal soaps~~

~~and/or di-, tri- or multi- amine soaps and/or a mixture of any fatty acid derivatives including fatty acid esters and/or fatty alcohols and/or fatty acid amides and/or fatty acid amines and/or fatty acid amine oxides and/or any derivatives thereof~~ surfactant is a cationic or anionic surfactant.

17. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 1, wherein the comprising a multivalent amine is a di-, tri- or multi- amine soap.

18. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe or leather care product according to claim 16 comprising a multivalent cation.~~

19. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 16, wherein each constituent material of the first component of the co-emulsifier has a HLB value below 13, ~~preferably below 10, more preferably below 8.~~

20. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~co-emulsifier is a multivalent cation~~ is a multivalent metal cation.

21. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 20~~ claim 1, wherein the multivalent cation is a calcium, magnesium or zinc cation.

22. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~co-emulsifier is a multivalent amine~~ is a di-, tri- or multi-amine soap.

23. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the multivalent amine or multivalent cation is wholly or partially replaced by the co-~~ emulsifier further comprises a fatty alcohol or derivative thereof, ~~or~~ a fatty acid ester or derivative thereof, ~~or~~ a fatty amide or derivative thereof, ~~or~~ a fatty amine or derivative thereof or a fatty amine oxide or derivative thereof.

24. (Original) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 23, wherein the derivative of a fatty alcohol is an alkoxylated fatty alcohol.

25. (Currently Amended) Shoe care product according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein the co-emulsifier constitutes ~~0.2-16 wt.%, preferably 0.5-13 wt.% and more preferably 1-10 wt.%~~ of the total product.

26. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 in the form of a water continuous emulsion or an oil continuous emulsion.~~

27. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, having a total summation of the saponification value, the hydroxyl value, and the nitrogen value as defined of all the raw material components in the product with more than 14 carbon atoms per molecule in the shoe care product ~~should be~~ of between 0.5-40 mg KOH per gram.

28. (Previously Presented) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 wherein the product is a shoe polish, a shoe cream, a self polishing composition, an impregnated towel or sponge or an aerosol.

29. (Original) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 28 wherein the product is for the care of nubuck- or suede.

30. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, packed in a metal container which is free of chloride ions.~~

31. (Previously Presented) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 wherein the aqueous phase comprises up to 20% optional ingredients.

32. (Original) Shoe or leather care products according to claim 31 wherein the optional ingredients are chosen from the group of silicones, colouring agents, humectants, anti-corrosives, preserving agents, defoamers, salts and combinations thereof.

33. (Original) Shoe or leather care products according to claim 32 comprising 0.05-2 wt.% based on the product of one or more salts.

34. (Original) Shoe or leather care products according to claim 33 comprising 0.15-0.6 wt.% based on the product of one or more salts.

35. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1, comprising 0.1-10% silicone, ~~preferably 0.3-5% silicone and more preferably 0.3-3.5% silicone.~~

36. (Currently Amended) Shoe or leather care product according to claim 35, comprising one or more dimethicone copolyol/polyether modified polydimethylsiloxanes silicones with a HLB value below 8.

37. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 in the form of a water continuous phase emulsion, wherein the total summation of the saponification value, the hydroxyl value, and the nitrogen value as defined of all the raw material components in the product with more than 14 carbon atoms per molecule is between 0.5 and 40 mg KOH per gram of the resulting shoe care product, preferably between 1 and 35 mg KOH per gram of the resulting shoe care product, and more preferably between 1.5 and 30 mg KOH.~~

38. (Cancelled) ~~Shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 in the form of an oil continuous emulsion, wherein the total summation of the saponification value, the hydroxyl value, and the nitrogen value as defined of all the raw material components in the product with more than 14 carbon atoms per molecule is between 0.5 and 20 mg KOH per gram of the resulting shoe care product, preferably between 1 and 15 mg KOH per gram of the resulting shoe care product, and more preferably between 1.5 and 10 mg KOH.~~

39. (Cancelled) ~~Use of a shoe or leather care product according to claim 1 for
cleaning or treating shoes.~~

40. (Previously Presented) Method for cleaning or treating shoes wherein an amount
of a shoe care product according to claim 1 is applied to the outer surface of a shoe.